



News from the CITY OF CARMEL

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Regional Performing Arts Center to be Headquarters to Feinstein Foundation

Internationally renowned vocalist and pianist Michael Feinstein, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard, and civic leader Michael Maurer recently announced the relocation of the Feinstein Foundation headquarters to Carmel's Regional Performing Arts Center. This is a significant achievement and will greatly benefit the economic development of the region.

The Foundation, currently located in Los Angeles, is "dedicated singularly to the mission of preserving and increasing appreciation of the Great American Songbook for present and future generations." Its museum-quality collections were begun by Feinstein while he served as assistant to Ira Gershwin.

The third floor of the 1,600 seat Music Hall in the Performing Arts Center will serve as the national headquarters, providing space for exhibits, offices, curating, conservation and study of The Feinstein Collection. Its activities will include educational components for children and adults to help cultivate an appreciation of this genre of music as well as procure and preserve collections related to The Great American Songbook.

There will also be masters classes for singers, as well as periodic competitions and an annual Great American Songbook Festival featuring celebrity performers.

"Adding a cultural draw like the Feinstein Collection in the Regional Performing



Photo by John Elliott

Internationally renowned vocalist and pianist Michael Feinstein announced the relocation of the Feinstein Foundation headquarters to Carmel's Regional Performing Arts Center.

Arts Center in Carmel is a wonderful boost to the area's economic development," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "The Feinstein Foundation will contribute to the unique

attractions of City Center to draw outside tourist and visitor dollars to the area."

The Music Hall is expected to be complete in the fall of 2010.



Clearing activities along Keystone began during the month of April at the 106th Street intersection. Utility relocations started at both 106th Street and 126th Street intersections towards the end of April.

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Carmel Taxes to Stay Among Lowest in the State

As part of the recently-enacted property tax reform, homeowners will get a special break this year. The break for homeowners offsets the benefit some businesses received when the inventory tax was phased out in recent years.

Carmel still expects to have

one of the lowest 2008 tax rates in the state. While the rate may not be as low as last year's, most Carmel homeowners actually pay less each year in residential taxes. This year it is due in part to the special credit homeowners will receive.

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A Message from the Mayor



Mayor Jim Brainard

Summer is an exciting time in Carmel. The Carmel Access Bikeway, a network of bike routes and loops on existing streets and multi-use paths, is in place, making it even easier to cycle throughout the City to enjoy the many events of summer. Take in a concert at the Gazebo; shop for fresh produce at the Farmer's Market or take a stroll and enjoy the public art in the Arts & Design District.

Two key projects are well underway this summer as well. The Regional Performing Arts Center will be the new headquarters for the Feinstein Foundation for the Education and Preservation of The Great American Songbook. This addition is an important stride in economic development for this region. In addition, the Keystone Avenue Reconstruction Project is progressing well. When complete, Keystone Avenue north-south traffic will be free-flowing from 96th Street to 146th Street, and tear dropped shaped roundabouts will handle the east-west traffic flow.

Be sure to look at the schedule for Carmelfest included in this issue of the newsletter. Activities for all ages and interests are planned. I look forward to seeing you there.

Please feel free to call or email us with your questions, concerns and ideas for making Carmel the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Very truly yours,

Mayor Jim Brainard

Keystone (continued)

Additional turn lanes were also added at the 116th Street and Carmel Drive intersections at Keystone to accommodate detouring traffic. On May 27, cross street traffic and access to Keystone was closed at 106th Street and at 126th Street to begin the construction of the roundabout interchanges.

Milestone Contractors, LP then widened portions of Keystone and upgraded the existing conditions of the shoulder in order to shift traffic to temporary lanes.

Once traffic had been diverted, the old roadway east of the median began to be removed so that crews could

begin to lower Keystone.

Over the next couple of months, each interchange will begin to become a reality. Crews will continue to excavate Keystone as well as begin to construct the 106th Street and 126th Street roundabouts. Construction of the retaining walls will also begin. The current traffic configuration on Keystone will remain in place until approximately September. At that time, the temporary lanes will move to the east side of the median as the west side of Keystone is lowered.

To stay updated on the Keystone construction project, visit CarmelLink.org



Old asphalt being removed from east lanes of Keystone.

Taxes (continued)

For example, a home on the east side of Carmel owed the amounts shown in the box below:

The credit this year will

come in the form of an increased homestead credit. The homestead credit applies to owner-occupied, primary residences. For most home-

owners, no special effort is required to receive this increased homestead credit. It will be applied automatically to homes which were eligible for the smaller homestead credit in the past.

However, an application may be necessary if you recently purchased your home or if no application was ever filed in the past. If in doubt, call the Hamilton County Auditor's office at

317-776-8401, or the Hamilton County Treasurer's office at 317-776-9620, or visit the Hamilton County website, www.co.hamilton.in.us.

Tax reform will continue next year, when most homeowners will receive a whopping 35% deduction from their assessed values. Carmel anticipates continuing its trend of having one of the lowest residential property tax rates in the state.

Total Tax Bill

2006	\$5,853
2007	\$5,882
2008	\$4,962

Carmel City Portion of Taxes

2006	\$1,478
2007	\$1,332
2008	\$1,243

Sculpture Added to the Arts & Design District Public Art Collection



The unveiling of the newest J. Seward Johnson sculpture, "Unconditional Surrender," in the Carmel Arts and Design District.

The unveiling of the newest J. Seward Johnson sculpture, "Unconditional Surrender," in the Carmel

Arts & Design District turned heads and had visitors marveling at its realistic appearance. The piece replicates a famous photo taken on WWII's VJ Day depicting a sailor kissing a nurse in New York Times Square.

The statue complements the City's current collection of sculptures from this artist and expands the walkable outdoor museum in the Arts & Design District. The sculptor, who began as a painter, uses a technique to apply paint to the bronze sculpture making the life-size pieces appear real.

"The addition of these sculptures enhances the enjoyment of a visit to the Arts & Design District. Shoppers and diners are delighted when they discover the art pieces. Many stop and have their pictures taken with the life-like sculptures to capture the moment," said Mayor Jim Brainard.

"Unconditional Surrender" can be viewed in front of Artisan Masterpiece, located at 19 East Main Street.

B. Meylor Interiors' Ribbon Cutting



Mayor Jim Brainard (third from right) cuts the ribbon at the opening celebration for B. Meylor Interiors' new location at 110 E. Main Street, just east of Woody's Library Restaurant. Pictured above from left to right are Cara Johnson, Sharon Oliver, Jackie McConnell, Dot Strano, Mo Merhoff (Chamber of Commerce), Mayor Brainard, Bonnie Meylor and Chandy Webber.

Arts & Design District News



Carmel Arts & Design District Events

Gallery Walk Saturday, July 12

Rock the District Saturday, July 19

Muldoons Live Music Every Thursday & Saturday evening

To receive frequent updates on news and events in the Carmel Arts & Design District, click on the 'Join the Mailing List' icon on their website at www.CarmelArtsAndDesign.com

Award Presentation



Pam Fox (pictured right) honored Doreen Squire Ficara for being Indiana's current Outstanding Older Worker on behalf of the Prime Time Awards sponsored by Experience Works. Each year, Experience Works presents the Prime Time Awards to recognize remarkable individuals age 65 and older who continue to make valuable contributions in the workplace while promoting their own good health and longevity by working. A reception was held at the Evan Lurie Fine Art Gallery in the Carmel Arts & Design District.

Of Interest

Carmel Access Bikeway Creates Even More Connectivity for Cyclists

The recent announcement of the "Carmel Access Bikeway," (CAB) a network of bike routes and loops on the City's existing local streets and multi-use paths, will make cycling in Carmel an even better experience.

The CAB includes eight cross-city bike routes and five bike loops. The bike routes consist of two east-west bound routes and six north-south routes. The routes are intended for longer cycling trips throughout the community and between neighborhoods. In addition, bike loops will guide casual users to the same point from which they started, passing some of Carmel's best amenities along the way. Each loop will highlight different areas of interest within the City.

Carmel recently received a Bicycle Friendly Community award from the League of American Bicyclists for its efforts to improve and promote cycling in the community.

"We are continually working at creating connectivity and improving pathways to encourage cycling in Carmel," said City Councilor Ron Carter, who is an avid cyclist. "In addition to being good for the environment and energy efficient, cycling is great exercise. Carmel's investment in being a bicycle friendly community also creates a more desirable community in which to live and raise a family," Carter added.



The Monon Center AT CENTRAL PARK

The Outdoor Aqua Park is now open!

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 11 am - 8 pm

Weekends: 11 am - 8 pm

Fourth of July: 11 am - 6 pm

Labor Day: 11 am - 5 pm

Tour de Carmel

Saturday, September 13

Bike ride (not a race) along 10 and 20-mile routes throughout Carmel.

To ensure a goodie bag and T-shirt, register by September 6 online at www.carmelclayparks.com or pick up a form at The Monon Center. Fee: \$5

Tour de Carmel Adaptive Ride: 10-mile Route for individuals with special needs

All ages are welcome

Clay Terrace, 14390 Clay Terrace Blvd.

Fee: \$5

Upcoming Free Events

Touch A Truck

Carmel High School Stadium, 136th Street

Wednesday, July 30th

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Kids Concerts

Wednesday mornings from 10 - 11 a.m.

River Heritage Park, 11813 River Road

July 9 and 23

West Park, 2700 W. 116th Street

July 16

Movies in the Park

Friday evenings at Dusk

West Park, 2700 W. 116th Street

Shrek the Third - July 11

Daddy Day Camp - August 8

Visit www.CarmelClayParks.com
for more information.

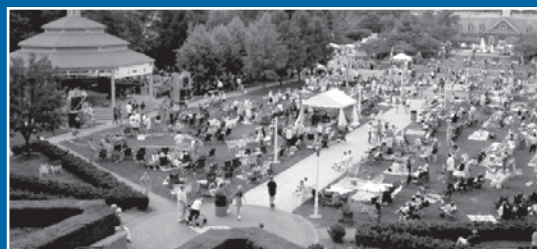
CarmelFest Freedom Ball

CarmelFest's Premier Social Event, will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 5th at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. This black-tie-optional event includes a 5-course meal with wine, cash bar, silent and live auctions, dancing and music by Five Easy Pieces.

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Carmel, proceeds from the event, including the silent auction, will be given to many local non-profit organizations as well as the national and international charities supported by the Rotary Club of Carmel.

6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 5th at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. Tickets are \$75 each.
For tickets and more information visit www.CarmelFest.net.

JULY 3 & 4



CarmelFest 2008 Entertainment Schedule

Gazebo Stage: (Sponsored by Firestone) Thursday, July 3

- 4 - 6 p.m. Barometer Soup – Buffett and Beach music
- 6 - 7 p.m. Dick Wolfsie – Comedian
- 7 - 10 p.m. The Wright Brothers – Oldies, Bluegrass, and Country Rock

Friday, July 4

- 12 - 2 p.m. Craig Brenner – Blues, Jazz, and Boogie Woogie
- 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. The Tides – Caribbean Calypso
- 5 - 7 p.m. Blair and Company – Motown, Funk, and Rock and Roll
- 7:10 - 7:45 p.m. Harmony Magic – Women's Barbershop
- 7:45 - 8:25 p.m. Clowns, Magicians, Jugglers, Face Painters
- 8:30 - 9:45 p.m. The Carmel Symphony – Armed Forces Salute
- 9:45 p.m. B105.7 FIREWORKS at CarmelFest, set to music

Marketplace Stage: Thursday, July 3

- 5 p.m. Emily Ann Thompson – Celtic Fiddle
- 6 p.m. Shane – Acoustical Guitar
- 7 p.m. Circle City Cloggers – American Step Dance
- 8 p.m. Dave Hepler – Jazz Pianist

www.julycarmelfest.com

Friday, July 4

- 12 p.m. Blue Monkey Side Show – Carnival Sideshow Acts
- 1 p.m. Blue Monkey Side Show
- 2 p.m. The Meister Winds – Authentic German Band
- 3 p.m. Ryan Demler – Magician
- 4 p.m. "Jolie" – the Mime
- 5 p.m. Derek Dye – Comedy Juggler
- 6 p.m. Blue Monkey Side Show
- 7 p.m. Blue Monkey Side Show
- 8 p.m. Blue Monkey Side Show
- 9 p.m. Blue Monkey Side Show

Children/Teen Stage:

Thursday, July 3rd

- 4 p.m. PBJ Entertainment
- 5 p.m. Carmel Idol
- 6 p.m. The Branches
- 7 p.m. Mardelay
- 8 p.m. Ruined for Life
- 9 p.m. Ruined for Life

Friday, July 4

- Noon Silly Safari, Kids' Animal Show
- 1 p.m. Ryan Demler – Magician
- 2 p.m. "Jolie" the Mime
- 3 p.m. Indy Dog and Disc – Frisbee Dog Show
- 4 p.m. Cindy Baney – Childrens' Interactive Music
- 5 p.m. Indy Dog and Disc – Frisbee Dog Show
- 6 p.m. The Giggles
- 7 p.m. Beautiful Lies
- 8 p.m. The Elms (until Fireworks @ 9:45 pm)

Reflecting Pool:

Friday, July 4

- 8 - 9:45 p.m. Carmel Brass Choir

It's not too late to buy your spark buttons!

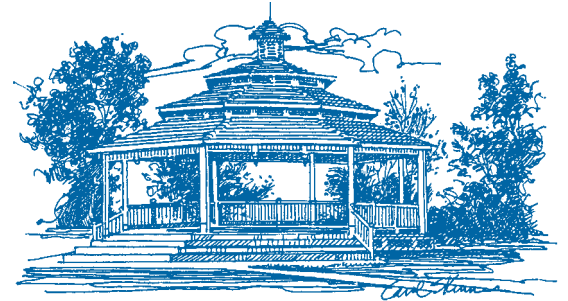
Each year, the CarmelFest Committee raises money to support the July 4th Fireworks display by selling Spark Buttons. The buttons are available for \$3 at various locations in the Carmel Arts and Design District. Each button has a number printed on it. Prizes donated by local merchants will be given away to the winning numbers during the month of June. Three winning numbers are posted each business day at www.wibc.com.

Bring your radios to the fireworks display and tune into B105.7 beginning at 9:45 p.m. for a patriotic salute to accompany the fireworks.





Carmel Fountain Square Committee Summer Family Concert Series at the Gazebo



Wednesday Evenings 7 p.m.

June 4 – August 6, 2008

Date Performers

June 4 Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra

This lively Big Band review showcases patriotic favorites such as God Bless America, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Stars & Stripes Forever, and American Patrol, all done big band style! Also featured are some of the best loved World War II era big band hits including songs from Glenn Miller, the Andrews Sisters, and more.

June 11 Audio Diner with Michele Haddix

Experience R&B, blues, rock, folk and country music with a heavy focus on dynamic vocals. Many selections feature strong, 3 & 4 part vocals singing classic hits that everyone will recognize and enjoy.

June 18 Cool City Band

Hot Swing and Cool Jazz, featuring favorites from the height of the swing era's Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Goodman along with contemporary groups. Outstanding vocal talents of Shannon Forsell, a former Miss Indianapolis and popular headliner from the American Cabaret Theater.

June 25 Rick K & The All-nighters

A virtual hit parade of popular music spanning 50 years. By featuring 1950's doo-wop, Beach Boys and Motown, to classic pop-rock tunes of the 1970's, 80's and 90's, rock n' roll will surely never die! Mix in a blend of country hits by the likes of Tim McGraw, George Strait, Conway Twitty and others, guaranteed something for everyone.

July 2 CarmelFest Concerts - see page 5

Date Performers

July 9 Five Easy Pieces

Five Easy Pieces will be performing a variety of crowd pleasing tunes that span several decades. They will be showcasing their outstanding vocal harmonies, musicianship, and years of experience in a performance that will be entertaining for everyone.

July 16 Parrots of the Caribbean

A fantastic Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band. Together this group of 5 musicians exemplifies a wide variety of talent.

July 23 Brent Evans & Lost Luggage

Brent Evans & Lost Luggage is truly a fresh and exciting sound! Their goal is to entertain and take you on a nostalgic musical journey, filled with memories and seasoned with a true passion for music.

July 30 Doug Lawson & Middle of the Road

Doug and his Middle of the Road Band perform country music at its best. Doug Lawson has been compared to Conway Twitty and Elvis because of his ability to hit the high and low notes with equal quality and feeling.

August 6 Endless Summer

Popular music of numerous eras and styles from the most fun, most energetic, best showband on earth.



Al Pickett Portrait Unveiling



Mayor Brainard presents former Carmel Mayor, Al Pickett with his Range Line Pioneer Award in front of unveiled portrait.

Mayor Jim Brainard presented Al Pickett with the Range Line Pioneer Award to recognize him for his many accomplishments as Carmel's first mayor and as a life-long Carmel citizen.

"As our city grows, I think it's important to remember our history so that we can maintain the strong sense of community that makes Carmel such a great place to live, work and raise a family. It is especially important to remember the city's former leaders who helped make Carmel the great city it is today," said Mayor Jim Brainard.

The Range Line Pioneer Award was established in 1992. It is the highest honor given by the City of Carmel. It is conferred upon a person who lives in or out of the community who has been a friend to the City. This award has been given to local

ministers, community volunteers, retired police officers, and a US Congressman.

The first in a series of oil portraits depicting Carmel's former mayors during their terms was unveiled as well. These paintings were created from photos that were provided by each former mayor or their families and painted by Deborah Lyons of Deborah De Fazio Lyons Portrait Artist Studio and Gallery located in the Arts & Design District.

Al Pickett was elected Carmel's first mayor when the citizens voted to have Carmel become a city in 1974. At the time, the population was 15,181. In 1975, Al Pickett was elected mayor in the city's first primary election and he took office in 1976. Carmel City Hall was located at 40 East Main Street in the old Carnegie Library, now Woody's Library Restaurant.

Storm Water and Drainage Improvements Begin in Arts & Design District

Construction began on phase one of the storm water and drainage improvements in Carmel's Arts & Design District in the southwest block of Range Line Road and Main Street behind Old Town Tavern, Chaos, and Bistro de Paris. These improvements are part of the citywide Storm Sewer Rehabilitation/Replacement Program.

Phase one of the project includes making necessary

improvements to the drainage system, as well as redeveloping the existing parking lot. The overall goal of the project in the Arts & Design District is to update existing utilities and improve the parking situation. Stenz Construction Corporation is managing the construction.

Through the Storm Sewer Rehabilitation/Replacement Program, the City of Carmel plans to replace and rehabilitate



Drainage work underway in Arts District.

damaged manholes on parts of the over 800 miles of storm and sanitary sewer lines that the City maintains. During heavy rainfalls, parts of the collection system become overloaded, creating the potential harm for both home

and business owners and the environment. The City will use federal funds to replace the damaged spots using epoxy-lining products that improve the structural integrity and keep storm water from entering the system.

Range Line Pioneer



Ila Badger

Ila Badger was honored with Carmel's Range Line Pioneer Award for educating others about organ donation and liver disease. Ila was presented her Range Line Pioneer Award at the American Liver Foundation's Salute to Excellence Gala where she was being recognized as their 2008 Honoree for the State of Indiana. Presenting the award to Ila on behalf of Mayor Jim Brainard and the City, was Carmel resident and former city councilman, Alan Potasnik.

Memorial Day



Students from Carmel Clay Middle Schools (above and below) participated in the City's Memorial Day ceremony.

Inclement weather moved the City's Memorial Day Ceremony into the Carmel Fire Department Headquarters on the Friday before Memorial Day. The ceremony included remarks by Mayor Jim Brainard, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Carmel Clay Township Trustee Doug Callahan and keynote speaker, Carmel Police Officer, David Kinyon, who has served as staff sergeant in the Army and defended our country in the war on terror.

Students from Carmel High School and middle schools participated in a flag raising ceremony and placed flowers to commemorate all military veterans. Patriotic music at the ceremony was provided by Carmel Elementary music teacher, Cynthia Ensign Baney. Members of the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts also attended the ceremony. The City will continue to have a Memorial Day Ceremony on the Friday before Memorial Day each year at Veterans Plaza.



Police Officers Sworn in

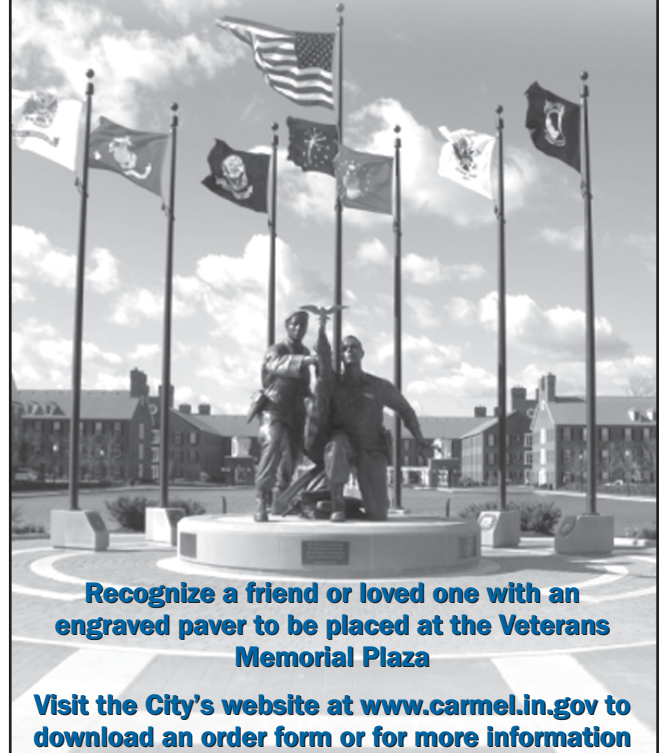


Mayor Jim Brainard and Carmel Police Chief Michael Fogarty (far right) swore in new Carmel Police Officers Greg Park (pictured left) and Matthew Broadnax (pictured middle) in January.



In March three new police officers were sworn in by Mayor Jim Brainard (left) with Police Chief Michael Fogarty looking on (second from left). Officers included Ashley Williams (third from right), Landry Smiley (middle) and Todd Robbins.

Personalized Brick Pavers Veterans Memorial Plaza



Recognize a friend or loved one with an engraved paver to be placed at the Veterans Memorial Plaza

Visit the City's website at www.carmel.in.gov to download an order form or for more information

Carmel Public Safety Day



**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20th, 2008**

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**St. Vincent Hospital
Carmel**
(13500 N. Meridian St. /
Back Parking Lot)

Learn about:

- Carmel Fire and Police Department
- Household Hazardous Waste
- When to use 911
- Personal Safety, Health, & Wellness
- Public Safety Helicopters
- Military Protection and Safety
- Car Seat Clinic
- Disaster Kits
- Water, Bicycle, & Pedestrian Safety
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

Schedule of Events

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| 10 a.m. | Event begins |
| 10:30 a.m. | Extrication Demo-CFD |
| 11:00 a.m. | Big Wheel Race |
| Noon | K-9 Demo-CPD |
| 12:30 p.m. | Family Balloon Toss |
| 1 p.m. | Big Wheel Race |
| 2 p.m. | Rappelling Demo-CPD |

Food served all day

- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Car Seat Safety Checks



Of Interest

Summer Lawn Maintenance

Did you know that more plants die from over watering than lack of watering?

Turfgrass is extremely resilient and there may be no visible signs of over watering. This over watering costs you money as well as wastes a valuable environmental resource.

How much is enough water?

Established lawns in Indiana only need about an inch of water a week. If during the course of a week we get an inch or more of rain, chances are that there is no need to water your lawn additionally. It is best to apply the needed amount of water in a single, thorough soaking, or two equal applications of water three to four days apart. Be careful to avoid needless runoff.

How can I tell if my lawn needs to be watered?

If you walk on your lawn and your footprint persists, it is time to water. If the turf springs back, leave watering for another day.

When is the best time of day to water?

It is best to water your lawn early in the morning between 4 am and 8 am. Wind levels are at a low point and this is the time of the day where the least amount of water will be lost to evaporation.

What other things can I do to help reduce the amount of water my lawn needs?

Get your lawn mower blade sharpened annually by a professional. Set your mowing height for two to three inches. This will help encourage deep root growth as well as shade the soil, which will prevent needless evaporation. Also, aerate your lawn. By aerating your lawn, you allow water to reach deeper into the roots, which encourages healthy grass growth and reduces the amount of water needed. Aeration can be done by a professional landscape company, or it can be a do-it-yourself project with the necessary equipment rented from local equipment rental firms.

Carmel Farmers Market Opens Ninth Season



*The Farmers Market
8 – 11:30 a.m.*

*Every Saturday
morning through the last Saturday
in September*

*South parking lot of City Hall
www.CarmelFarmersMarket.com*



Community Events

Artomobilia –

Saturday, June 14th



Duesenbergs and Packards were among the classic cars on display at Carmel's first Artomobilia event, which drew thousands of visitors.



Mayor Jim Brainard presented Tom Wood with a Proclamation naming a section of Main Street as Tom Wood Boulevard for the day.



Celebrity judges for Artomobilia included Al Unser III (left) and Al Unser, Jr. (center) seen here with event coordinator Roger Brummett.

Gallery Walk –

Friday, May 23rd

Visitors to the Lurie Gallery viewed the vibrant colors of pop artist, Burton Morris. The coffee cup painting seen here, is similar to the one that hung in the Central Perk coffee shop on the show "Friends."



Leisurely horse-drawn carriage rides through the Arts & Design District were provided at no charge to visitors.



Sculptures by Brad Howe and a powerful image of Superman by artist Leonardo Hidalgo caught the attention of visitors to the Evan Lurie Gallery.

Construction Updates:

116th Street and Clay Center Road Roundabout:

The intersection of 116th Street and Clay Center Road roundabout is now open.

Pedestrian Bridges on 131st Street:

Pedestrian bridges were installed and are now open just east of Hazel Dell Parkway on the north side of 131st Street over the Mitchner Ditch and west of River Road on the north side of 131st Street over the Vestal Ditch.

Towne Road from 116th Street to 126th Street:

Towne Road will be reconstructed, from 116th Street to 126th Street, as a boulevard style roadway. These lanes are scheduled to re-open to traffic by mid-July.

Towne Road and 141st Street Roundabout:

A roundabout will be constructed at this intersection and will open in mid-July.

Range Line Road and 136th Street Roundabout:

There will be a new bridge over Cool Creek just north of 136th Street, which will overlap the construction of the new roundabout. The roundabout intersection will open in August.



Of Interest

136th Street path connection between Oak Ridge Road and Eglin Drive:

An 8 ft. wide multi-use asphalt path will be constructed between Oak Ridge Road and Eglin Drive. No road closures are necessary for this project expected to be complete in August.

131st Street from Ditch Road to Towne Road:

131st Street will be widened to accommodate one lane in each direction. Improvements also include a roundabout at Towne Road as part of this project. Towne Road will remain open to northbound and southbound traffic at 131st Street until the intersection of 141st Street and Towne Road re-opens. This project is expected to be completed in September.

131st Street from Towne Road to Shelborne Road:

This segment of 131st Street will be widened to accommodate one lane in each direction and is closed to through traffic during construction. Local access will be provided as necessary. Construction is expected to be completed in September.

Monon Greenway Bridge over Carmel Drive:

Construction for this pedestrian and bicycle bridge is underway, and the Monon Trail is closed at Carmel Drive. The detour will consist of the multi-use paths along City Center Drive, Guilford Road, and 116th Street. There will not be any long-term road closures of Carmel Drive necessary to complete this installation, but short-term closures will be necessary. This project is anticipated to be complete in September.

Ride for the Hoosier Burn Camp

Over 100 motorcycles gathered at the Carmel Fire Headquarters on Wednesday, May 28th where they began their ride to the Hoosier Burn Camp at Camp Tecumseh, in Brookston, Indiana. This year's Burn Camp Ride, sponsored by the Carmel Firefighters Local 4444, helped raise \$20,000. That's twice the amount that was raised last year.



For more information visit
www.HoosierBurnCamp.org.

St. Vincent's Children's Hospital and Old National Bank each donated \$2,000 and the West Clay Women's

Association fashion show, held in May, raised \$8,000.

Services of the Hoosier Burn Camp are free to the families of burn victims. The cost for each child to attend camp is approximately \$1,000 and is funded solely through donations.

"I'm proud of all of the firefighters who have worked hard each year to make this fundraising effort a success," said Carmel Fire Chief Keith Smith.



Cyclists gather at Carmel Fire Headquarters to participate in the Hoosier Burn Camp Ride.



Aerial view of concert hall site.

Regional Performing Arts Center Construction Update

The concrete foundation work is well underway for the Regional Performing Arts Center Concert Hall. The plumbing and electrical contractors are on site installing underground items as well as wall sleeves for installation of future work. Final bidding for the interior finishes and theater equipment will take place in July 2008. As the concrete work continues, the foot print of the building becomes more defined. Because this structure will be visible from all sides, it has been designed after the Villa Rotunda in Italy, a classic Italian Renaissance building, symmetrical on all sides. Structural steel installation activities will begin soon. The Concert Hall is expected to open in the fall of 2010.

Upcoming 2008 Meetings

City Council Meeting Dates

The City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

July 7 & 21

August 4 & 18

September 1 & 15

Watch City Council meetings live on Channel 16. Channel 21 replays City Council meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Board of Public Works & Safety Meetings

The Board of Public Works meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

July 2 & 16

August 6 & 20

September 3 & 17

Check the City of Carmel website at www.carmel.in.gov for events, traffic updates and news.

Plan Commission

The Plan Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

July 15

August 19

September 16

Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets the fourth

Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Caucus Room

July 28

August 25

September 22

Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Board

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at The Monon Center, 1235 Central Park Drive East, Carmel, IN 46032

Tuesday, July 8

Tuesday, July 22

Tuesday, August 12

Tuesday, August 26

Tuesday, September 9

Tuesday, September 23

City Officials

Carmel's City Council

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